

MINUTES  
WEST HARTFORD PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE COMMISSION MEETING  
MONDAY, September 11, 2017  
WEST HARTFORD TOWN HALL, ROOM 400

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM.

Board Members in attendance: MaryEllen Thibodeau, James Greene, Daniel Firestone, Ken Livingston, Laurie Silverman, Daniel Johnson, Scott Franklin.

Town Staff in attendance: Duane Martin (Town Engineer)

There were approximately 13 people in attendance. A quorum of the West Hartford Pedestrian and Bicycle Commission was present.

1. MaryEllen Thibodeau reported on pedestrian initiatives, North Main Street Road Safety neighborhood meeting September 14<sup>th</sup> 2017 at 7PM . MaryEllen reported on the more extensive use of bike racks in town. Duane Martin reported on the North Main Street Bridge. The town was required to submit additional paperwork regarding historical bridge reference due to State funding requirements. Duane discussed the status of the Bishops corner intersection re-development which is currently in road safety audit and concept plans. MaryEllen reported that Matt Hart (West Hartford Town Manager) spoke at Bishops Corner Neighborhood Association and discussed the development of the Towns Plan of Conservation and Development. The pedestrian and bicycle commission will develop input for the town and report at the next meeting.
2. Scott Reported on behalf of Jill Morawski on legislative action committee. Jim Greene attended a town meeting which discussed the Trout Brook Trail final 3 phases. Duane Martin commented on phase 5 and 6 of trout brook trail facing D.E.P. issues and flood control. The grant from the D.E.P. will expire in 2018 and an extension has been obtained. Further update was provided by Jim Greene and Duane Martin on the West Hartford building incentive proposal (Ordinance #10), to allow special development districts permission if certain pedestrian, bicycle, height, and other considerations are met.
3. Update on local recreation bike routes. The unnamed routes have been added to BikeWestHartford.org website and the naming contest will begin Next week. Duane Martin said the signs naming the route can be designed by the commission but must be approved by town. Board Members suggested reaching out to CCSU to have students develop signs if available. Daniel Johnson will reach out to CCSU graphic design team.
4. Daniel Johnson presented the Pedestrian and Bicycle Commission updated Logo design. This was approved by the Board Members to be the official logo of the Town Commission.
5. It was announced that September 7<sup>th</sup> is the Park Road Parade. Volunteers are needed to represent the commission.
6. MaryEllen stated that CRCOG is looking for volunteers for a Pedestrian and Bike count of selected West Hartford Streets.
7. Duane Martin updated the commission on the following
  1. King Philip Dr Section is complete – total .42 Miles of ped and bike friendly road design
  2. Ridgewood Rd, large buffer/bike lanes are planned to continue to Sedgewick Rd.
  3. Sharrows have been added to Still lane, signage improvements, reduced travel lane width
  4. Sharrows will be added to Flagg Rd., Old Meadow Rd., Miller Rd., Vardon Rd.
  5. Crosswalks and yield triangles are being updated in town.
8. Scott Franklin reported on other items:
  1. CitiBike NYC reported 70,000 trips taken on average in one day
  2. A review of other towns'/cities' strategy including Arlington, VA, Pittsburg, PA will be reviewed by the commission

- Commission business concluded 8:00:00PM

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9. Ethan Frankel and Tracy Frankel reported on a successful Center Streets event with official counts not yet released. Scott Franklin reported on the immense publicity in West Hartford Media sources and front page of the town of New London paper.
10. Cycling Without Age - Dan Firestone and Kevin Sullivan reported on 20 – 25 rides given over the previous month as well as need to update the insurance policy for the Rickshaw
11. Wheels on Wednesdays has concluded with resident request for continuation in the fall

As a result of the Columbus Day holiday, the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 in Room 217 of the West Hartford Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted  
Daniel Johnson, Board Member  
West Hartford Pedestrian and Bicycle Commission